

# CALLING THE SHOTS

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## Td Update

By Loriann M. Kanno, Pharm D.

**T**he current shortage of tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (Td) and tetanus toxoid (TT) in the United States continues and is expected to last through the remainder of 2001. In order to assure vaccine availability for priority indications, the CDC recommends that **all routine Td boosters in adolescents and adults should be postponed until 2002.** Health-care providers should record the names of patients whose booster doses have been delayed by the shortage. These patients should then be notified to return for their Td vaccination once Td supplies become available. In addition to this, **Td is no longer available through the Teen Vax Program.** This is a temporary measure only, and Td will again be available through the Teen Vax Program once supplies have been restored.

CDC's current recommendations for prioritization of Td\* use are:

1. Persons traveling to a country where the risk for diphtheria is high;
2. Persons requiring tetanus vaccination for prophylaxis in wound management;
3. Persons who received <3 doses of any vaccine containing Td; and
4. Pregnant women who have not been vaccinated with Td during the preceding 10 years.

If you included Td vaccine with your recent VFC vaccine orders, it is probable that you received only a portion of the Td vaccine ordered. The Hawaii Immunization Program asks providers to be conscious of the current recommendations for use and administer accordingly, as the supply of Td vaccine that the Immunization Program currently holds will need to be enough to fulfill the VFC Program's Td vaccine needs through the remainder of 2001. If you have any questions regarding the Td situation, require a listing of countries where risk for diphtheria is high, or require additional information on tetanus prophylaxis in wound management, please call Loriann Kanno, Pharm D at the Hawaii Immunization Program (808-586-8329).

**\*Please note: Pediatric formulations of diphtheria and tetanus toxoids (DT) and DTaP should not be used for persons 7 years of age and older.**



## TALK TO THE DOC...

By Marcia M. Nagao, M.D., M.P.H.

**If an 8 year old received DT (For Pediatric Use) vaccine in error, will he need to receive a Td (For Adult Use) vaccine in place of the dose given in error?**

Answer: No. The child has been adequately immunized against diphtheria and tetanus. In fact, although the amount of tetanus toxoid in DIPHTHERIA & TETANUS TOXOIDS FOR PEDIATRIC USE [DT] and TETANUS & DIPHTHERIA TOXOIDS FOR ADULT USE [Td] is the same, DT (Pediatric) actually contains **more** diphtheria toxoid than Td (Adult). The lower dose of diphtheria toxoid in Td (Adult) makes it less likely than DTaP or DT (Pediatric) to produce reactions in older children and adults.

DT (Pediatric) and Td (Adult) are NOT interchangeable. Despite the "Adult Use" labeling, Td is indicated for children 7 years of age and older. DT (Pediatric), on the other hand, should **only** be administered to children under 7 years of age who have a contraindication to pertussis vaccine.

Dr. Nagao welcomes your questions. The easiest way to get in touch with her is via e-mail. Her address is [mmnagao@mail.health.state.hi.us](mailto:mmnagao@mail.health.state.hi.us). You may also contact her via fax at (808) 586-8302.



# PROVIDER EDUCATION SURVEY

**T**hanks to your tremendous response to our VFC Provider Feedback Survey, VFC has received numerous requests to provide training sessions to our providers. In order to get a better sense of what providers are looking for, we'd appreciate it if you could complete the following survey and either fax it to us at (808) 586-8302 or mail it to us at the Hawaii Immunization Program, Attn: VFC, P.O. Box 3378, Honolulu, HI 96801. We welcome your suggestions. If what you had in mind is not included, please feel free to send us your comments along with this survey. Thank you for your help.

## Preferred Training Session Format

- ☐ 15 minute videotape on specific topic (video library housed at DOH, videos loaned upon request)
- ☐ Hour-long (or customized presentation length) in-service on VFC program in general
- ☐ Customized presentation on specific topic (presentation length according to your schedule)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Preferred Training Session Topics (please rank according to need)

- \_\_\_\_\_ General VFC Policies/Requirements
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vaccine Storage and Handling Procedures
- \_\_\_\_\_ VFC Vaccine Ordering Procedures
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completing the VFC Provider Enrollment/Profile Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ VFC/AFIX Site Visits
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Preferred Training Venue

- ☐ In provider office
- ☐ At Hospital/Department of Health locations on each island
- ☐ Televised/Webcasted training session
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Preferred Training Time

- ☐ Morning
- ☐ Lunch hour
- ☐ Afternoon
- ☐ Evening



# Please Join Us in Welcoming...



*Evelyn Gogue and Edna Walker*

**H**IP would like to congratulate our secretary, Jocelyn Ungos-Markham and her husband, Tracy, on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Lyne Ungos-Markham.

Jocelyn will be out of the office until July, 2001. In her stead, HIP has hired Evelyn Gogue to serve as the program secretary. Evelyn has wholeheartedly jumped in to fill her shoes and has done a tremendous job in ensuring that the program is running smoothly. In her time away from the office, Evelyn enjoys spending time with her family, shopping, and frequenting our beautiful Hawaiian beaches.

Vaccine Supply and Distribution also welcomes Edna Walker to their unit. She joins the program as a Clerk-Typist II. Edna truly enjoys spending time with her two children as well as hitting the volleyball courts and playing for her team, the Usos (uso means "sister" in Samoan).



## Just a Reminder:

If you weren't able to attend this year's, "Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases" course, HIP has videotapes of all four of the sessions that you may borrow. If you are interested, please contact Judy Strait-Jones at (808) 586-8321.

The VFC Provider Survey was due on May 31, 2001. If you have not returned it to us yet, please do so as soon as possible. You may mail it to us at HIP/VFC, P.O. Box 3378, Honolulu, HI 96801. If you aren't able to locate your survey and would like another, please call Juliet Jumila at 586-8311 or 1-800-933-4832 (neighbor islands). This is your opportunity to let us know how we are doing and what we can do to improve the VFC program.